

# THE BLUE SPELLING BOOK

Webster's Masterpiece Still in Popular Demand in Country Schools.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

It may strike some persons as a rather remarkable fact that the Webster spelling book, with its familiar blue cover, has sold up to date about seventy millions of copies. The spelling book is no more in vogue in this section, where we have taken over all of the many fads of modern pedagogy along with some that are vital and measurably permanent. The spelling book no longer has the place in the curriculum it once had. There are no more spelling bees, no more spelling down in the class. In its place children write out laboriously the words selected from their lesson. Whether they spell better than this generation we do not know, but if our own experience is of any value they do not.

Is there a man or woman of forty in the country who does not remember the thrill which followed in turning over the last page of monosyllables, ending, we think, with "Ax," and beginning the new entry into learning with the magic word "Baker." That, indeed, was an event in millions of lives, and though we must admit that teachers of that age had no conception of the relation between the infantile "percept" and its collateral "concept," they produced a race of young men and women who could spell and cipher and read. We do not claim that it was all of education to learn these three things. We do not deny that the modern curricula have many more and perhaps more advantageous items than the older generation was favored with. We do not think that there is a lack of interest in orthography which ought not to exist in these days of typewriting machines. Many a man has escaped censure by writing obscurely with his pen, but with the machines, which are destined to do away with penmanship, there is no recourse except to practice and the old spelling book.

So far there have been issued over 70,000,000 of the Webster spelling book, and its popularity is still on the increase. It is true that most of the circulation is in the South, where they are glad to get anything that is cheap and good, but the fact that the elemental in education survives has an instinctive value. Noah Webster never made a cent, we are told, on his dictionary, but his family have made fortunes on the spelling book. That ought to give some food for thought to the philosophers who think that education began about ten years ago.

## Curious Condensations.

Dunkards are looking at Texas lands. Minnesota has 10,000 Indian mounds. There are 5,000 irrigated farms in Oregon. Oysters abound in the Island sea of Japan. Monaco is Europe's most densely populated spot. A looking glass trust has been organized in Belgium. Gunnery practice at Newport has frightened away the fish. Clocks have been put in the train cars in Cracow, Poland. American savages take kindly to American patent medicines. In 50 years suicide has increased in Great Britain by 200 per cent. Two crops of strawberries have been made possible in Texas by irrigation. Natives of Uganda, Africa, use American oil for anointing their shiny black bodies. Trees transplanted at night are more likely to live than those transplanted in daytime. An anti-trust bill will be introduced by the government into the Hungarian Parliament. Chicago will have six movable schoolhouses next fall to take care of the city's shifting population. The last rail has been laid on the road which now connects the river Senegal with the Niger in Africa. The Astronomer Royal for Scotland reports that 40 unfelt earthquakes were detected by mechanical means. The tiger hunt in the central provinces of India during 1903 resulted in the killing of 199 tigers and 190 men. When a Uganda native buys an American phonograph and sets it up in his hut he becomes a society leader. China is the largest purchaser of German needles. About fifty per cent. of the needles exported from Germany are sent to China. Egypt sends to the United States and England fragments of mummies which are ground up and used in mixing paints for artists. A Mountainsville (N. J.) hen recently laid an egg over eleven inches in its greatest circumference which was found to contain two other eggs. In 1882 there were 10,321 breweries. When the myrrh first exudes from the tree it is of a yellowish, whitish, buttery consistency that gradually hardens and assumes a reddish, semi-

transparent color. It is used principally as one of the components of incense. In Germany, while in 1901, although the production of beer increased, the number of breweries decreased to 6,674.

Ten years ago the desert of Roch-na Poab, in India, had not a single inhabitant, but to-day there are 800,000 living in comfort on it. Irrigation is responsible.

A boat large enough to carry six persons may be carried in a trunk or valise. This is because the principle of the pneumatic tire has been applied with much success in boat building.

The clocks and watches of savage and semi-civilized people come mostly from Connecticut having a practical monopoly in supplying the watches.

There is only one country in the world where poker has always been played with five cards in the hands of each player, and that is Persia, but the game is not called poker; it is called *as nas*.

Yerba mate is a tea prepared from the roasted and pulverized leaves of an evergreen forest tree found in Southern Brazil and the neighboring region. It is said to have all the best qualities of coffee and tea as a stimulating health beverage, without the disadvantages of either. It is much used in Paris hospitals.

A curious form of protective mimicry in insects is that which causes one species to mimic another because the latter has for some reason immunity from the attacks of enemies. One of our best examples of this kind of mimicry we see in the viceroys butterfly, a species palatable to birds, but which is not attacked by them because of its general resemblance to the monarch or milkweed butterfly, which, by reason of a disagreeable taste or odor, or both, has nothing to fear from feathered enemies.

## WAS IT DISHONESTY OR WAS IT IMBECILITY?

### AN INTERESTING TIME CHART OF THE RECENT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION AT ST. LOUIS.

July 6, 12:03 P. M.—Democratic convention opened.  
 Parker Remained Silent.  
 July 6, 2:30 P. M.—Convention adjourned after announcing resolutions committee, with Bryan a member.  
 Parker Remained Silent.  
 July 7, 10:00 A. M.—Convention again met.  
 Parker Remained Silent.  
 July 7, 6:20 P. M.—Convention adjourned to 10 A. M., July 8, awaiting action of resolutions committee.  
 Parker Remained Silent.  
 July 7, midnight—Sub-committee adopted gold plank, 7 to 3.  
 Parker Remained Silent.  
 July 8, 4:30 A. M.—Main committee struck out gold plank, 35 to 15; Bryan, Hill and Williams appointed as special committee to report a financial plank.  
 Parker Remained Silent.  
 July 8, after breakfast—Special committee began work.  
 Parker Remained Silent.  
 July 8, 10:00 A. M.—Convention met, but adjourned until evening, as special committee was unable to report.  
 Parker Remained Silent.  
 July 8, 8:10 P. M.—Daniels read resolutions report to convention (it contained no gold plank).  
 Parker Remained Silent.  
 July 8, 8:57 P. M.—Resolutions, as read, carried *viva voce*.  
 Parker Remained Silent.  
 July 8, 9:05 P. M.—Littleton nominated Parker for President.  
 Parker Remained Silent.  
 July 9, 4:00 A. M.—Nominations for President closed.  
 Parker Remained Silent.  
 July 9, 5:45 A. M.—Parker nominated on first ballot and convention adjourned until 2 P. M.  
 Parker Remained Silent.  
 July 9, 2:00 P. M.—Convention reconvened. Parker's alleged message declaring himself for gold received and convention suddenly adjourned to give the delegates chance to confer.  
 July 9, midnight—Williams' resolution that Parker's opinions are concurred in by the convention passed.  
 July 10, 1:30 A. M.—Davis nominated for the Vice Presidency.—Globe Democrat.

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Read carefully the conditions of the West Virginian's contest as found on last page. Come right along with your guesses. Your first estimate may get the biggest prize. x

A second prize of fifty dollars is very liberal; and a third of twenty-five is a really handsome gift. See page eight of this issue. x

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Of Reduced Fares Authorized via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Summer Season, 1904.

Atlantic City and Seashore.  
 Special low rate excursions from all points east of the Ohio river on June 30th, July 14th and 28th, August 11th and 25th, and September 8th.

Cincinnati, O.  
 Grand Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, July 18-23. One fare plus \$1.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale July 15th, 16th, 17th, good returning until July 23d, inclusive.

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Louisville, Ky.  
 Knights of Pythias, Biennial Encampment, August 10-19. One fare plus \$1.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale August 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th, good returning until August 31st, inclusive.

San Francisco, Cal.  
 Triennial Conclave, Knights Templar, September 5-9. One fare for the round trip to Chicago or St. Louis added to fares tendered therefrom (Chicago \$50.00; St. Louis \$47.50). Dates of sale to be announced later.

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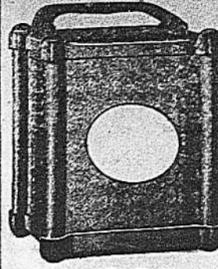
Call on ticket agents for time of train and full information.

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Effective May 15 and continuing every Sunday thereafter until further notice, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will place on sale excursion tickets between stations of Wheeling and Grafton, good going East bound on regular train No. 72, leaving Fairmont at 10:52 A. M., and returning no regular trains No. 71-55, leaving Grafton 12:40 noon, and 6:50 P. M.; and good going West bound on regular train No. 5, leaving Fairmont at 7:47 A. M., and returning on regular train No. 4, leaving Wheeling at 5:00 P. M. For tickets and full information, call on ticket agent.

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 No. 1.—Arrives at Fairmont 12:10 P. M.  
 No. 3.—Arrives at Fairmont 7:45 A. M.  
 No. 2.—Leaves Fairmont... 7:10 A. M.  
 No. 6.—Leaves Fairmont... 1:53 P. M.  
 No. 4.—Leaves Fairmont... 9:55 P. M.  
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 No. 7.—Chicago Express. 4:24 A. M.  
 No. 5.—Wheeling Accommodation... 7:47 A. M.  
 No. 55.—Wheeling & Cincinnati Express. 7:29 P. M.  
 No. 71.—Wheeling Accommodation... 1:36 P. M.  
**EAST BOUND.**  
 No. 8.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express. 3:25 A. M.  
 No. 72.—Grafton Accom'n 10:53 A. M.  
 No. 46.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express. 1:48 P. M.  
 No. 4.—Grafton Accom'n 8:38 P. M.

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 No. 50.—Pittsburg Accom'n 1:00 P. M.  
 No. 4.—Pittsburg Accom'n 9:55 P. M.  
**DEPARTS.**  
 No. 3.—Pittsburg Accom'n 7:50 A. M.  
 No. 51.—Connellsville Accom'n 2:10 P. M.  
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